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Abstract

CFD Modelling of Hot-Machining Operation is a machining method conducted on conventional machine tools in which work piece is preheated before cutting operation to become softer and thereby to reduce its shear strength. Here in Final Year B.Tech Project work this work is assigned to me for understanding the Hot-Machining prospects. In our Work the job to be machined is of High Manganese- Steel. As we know the machining of these materials has always been a great challenge. Machining of these alloys and materials requires cutting tool of high strength, which is sometimes not economical and sometimes even impracticable. And also Non-Conventional processes are generally restricted to productivity point of view. The benefits of easier manufacturer of the components of excessive hard materials can be substantial in terms of reduced machined costs and lead time compared to traditional one involving heat treatment, grinding and manual finishing/polishing. So for a qualitative and productive process, the growing interest for Hot Machining Process is being developed in industry.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

The production of superalloys, high hard and smart materials has become extremely essential to satisfy the design requirements for critical equipments, aerospace and defence industries. The machining of such materials has always been a great challenge before the production engineering. These alloys and materials can be machined by cutting tools of vary high hardness and strength, but is sometimes neither economical nor practical. Apart from this the non conventional machining methods are generally restricted due to productivity viewpoint.

The beneficial manufacturing of the components of excessive hard materials can be substantial in terms of reduced cost of machining and lead time as compared to the traditional way which involves metal machining in annealed state followed by Heat Treatment, and then finishing operations like grinding and polishing operations, which in turn consumes lots of effort, time and workspace. Machining of high hard materials through conventional processes is restricted due to excessive tool wear of cutting tools and undesired surface finish quality.

So for a qualitative and productive process, the positive interest for hot machining process is being moderately developed in production technology. The basic of hot machining operation is to first soften the work piece is by preheating and thereby shear strength gets reduced, which results in easier machining of materials with many other added advantages.

HOT MACHINING OPERATION:

Hot machining operation is a machining method conducted on conventional machine tools in which work piece is preheated before cutting operation to become softer and thereby to reduce its shear strength.

As the temperature is increased, the strength of a metal decreases, while the ductility and plasticity of metal increases. A high temperature is used to provide intense localised heat, softening only the chip material, leaving the work piece relatively cool and metallurgically undamaged [1]. The metal becomes soft at higher temperature. High temperature has marked positive influences on various cutting parameters. Some of the remarkable effects of hot machining operation are stated as the following:

- Life of a cutting tool is more.
- Forces required to perform a machining operation are less.
- Power consumption is less.
- Wear and abrasion of cutting tool is less resulting greater tool life.
- Material removal rate (MRR) is high, so high productivity.
- Strain hardenability and flow stresses in work piece are reduced.
- Better surface quality than conventional routes.
- Hot Machining of brittle ceramic materials is very much easier than any other known approaches.

Previous researches have clearly shown that the above aims are achieved by machining at elevated temperature. The hot machining process is mainly used for turning and milling operation. Especially Aerospace, Aviation and Defence Industry follow a lot practice in Hot Machining Operation.

MATERIALS: The materials which are generally machined by hot machining operation are hardened steel, NH4 (Ni-hard steel), High Manganese steel, Superalloys, Ceramic Materials, High Chromium white CI, Cr-Mo white CI, Hyperchrome CI alloys, Stainless Steel, S-816 alloy, X-alloy, Inconel-X, Timken 16-25-6, Navy Grade Steel, Ni-Cr Steel etc.

PREHEATING METHODS: The Hot Machining requires the selection of a suitable method of heating. The area or zone of heating should be as small as possible. The heating should not be upto very deep of material in hot machining operation. As at much higher temperature metallurgical changes occur, so overheating is always undesirable and it must be avoided. The various modes of preheating the work piece in Hot Machining Operation are:

- Flame heating (oxy-acetylene, oxy-LPG flame).
- Induction heating.
- Plasma heating.
- Laser assisted heating.
- Electric arc heating.
- By radio frequency heating apparatus.

1.2 CFD: Computational fluid dynamics or CFD is the analysis of systems involving heat transfer, fluid flow and associated phenomenon like chemical reaction by means of computer based simulation. **CFD** is a new branch of design engineering which integrates the discipline of Fluid mechanics/Dynamics with mathematics and also with computer science as shown.

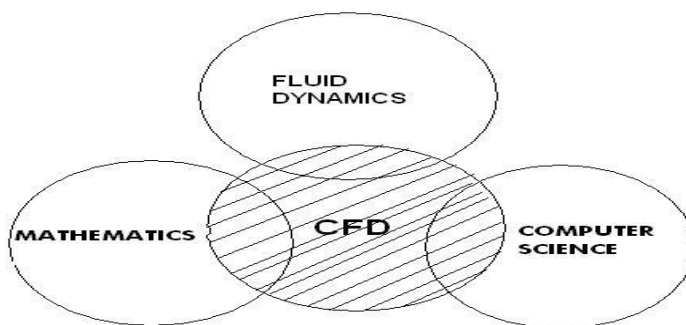


Figure-1 (CFD interrelation).

CFD is especially dedicated to the study of fluid in motion and how the fluid flow behaviour affects processes that may include heat transfer. The ultimate and unique aim of developments in the CFD fields is to provide a capability comparable to other CAE (computer aided engineering) tools such as stress analysis codes etc.

The CFD simulation technique is very powerful and it covers a wide range of industrial and non industrial application areas. Some example and application areas are:

1. Aerodynamics of aircraft and vehicles (lift and drag force analysis)
2. Hydrodynamics of ships.
3. Combustion mechanism in IC engines and power plants.
4. Turbomachinery flows inside rotating passages and diffusers.
5. Chemical process engineering mixing and separation, polymer moulding.
6. Wind loading, heating and ventilation problem.
7. Loads on offshore structure, marine engineering.
8. Hydrology and oceanography (flow in rivers and flood area)
9. Meteorology (weather prediction).

ADVANTAGES OF CFD: There are several unique advantages of CFD over experiment based approaches to fluid system design.

- Substantial reduction in lead times and costs of new designs.
- CFD enables us to study systems where controlled experiments are difficult or impossible to perform (large systems).
- CFD provides the environment to study systems under hazardous conditions and beyond their normal performance limits.
- CFD facilitates practically unlimited level of details of results.

CFD consists the mathematical basis for a general purpose practical model of fluid flow and heat transfer from the basic principles of physics. These principles are conservation of mass, conservation of momentum and conservation of energy. This leads to governing equations of flows and a discussion of necessary secondary conditions. The key to solution of a problem in CFD is a set of “ Navier-Stoke’s equations”.

Navier-Stoke’s equations:

1. Continuity equation (mass conservation)

$$\partial \rho / \partial t + \text{div.} (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0$$

2. X-momentum, Y-momentum and Z-momentum conservation

$$\partial (\rho u) / \partial t + \text{div.} (\rho u \mathbf{v}) = -\partial P / \partial x + \text{div.} (\mu \text{ grad}(\mathbf{u})) + S_{Mx} \quad (\text{X-direction}).$$

(Similarly for Y and Z).

3. Internal energy (energy conservation)

$$\partial (\rho i) / \partial t + \text{div.} (\rho i \mathbf{u}) = -P \text{ div.} \mathbf{u} + \text{div} (\mathbf{k} \text{ grad} \Gamma) + \phi + S_i.$$

In order to solve these mathematical equations, they are converted by computer scientists using high level computer programming languages into programs or software packages. The computational part simply means the study of the fluid flow through numerical simulation methods. The market is currently dominated by four CFD codes:

- PHOENICS
- ANSYS
- FLOW 3D
- STAR-CD

ELEMENTS OF CFD: CFD package consist of 3 main parts.

1. Pre-processor.
2. Solver.
3. Post processor.

PRE-PROCESSOR- pre-processor involves

- 1) Definition of geometry (computation domain)
- 2) Grid generation (formation of sub-domain)
- 3) Selection of physical or chemical phenomenon
- 4) Fluid property definition
- 5) Specification of boundary conditions.

SOLVER- There are three different streams of numerical solution technique. Finite difference, finite element and spectral methods. Basically solver contains numerical methods that perform following steps:

- 1) Approximation of unknown flow variables by means of simple functions
- 2) Discretization
- 3) Solution of algebraic equations

POST PROCESSOR- Post processor includes the geometry of domain of problem and display, the vector plots, 2D-3D surface plots, coloured postscript output and animation for dynamic result display.

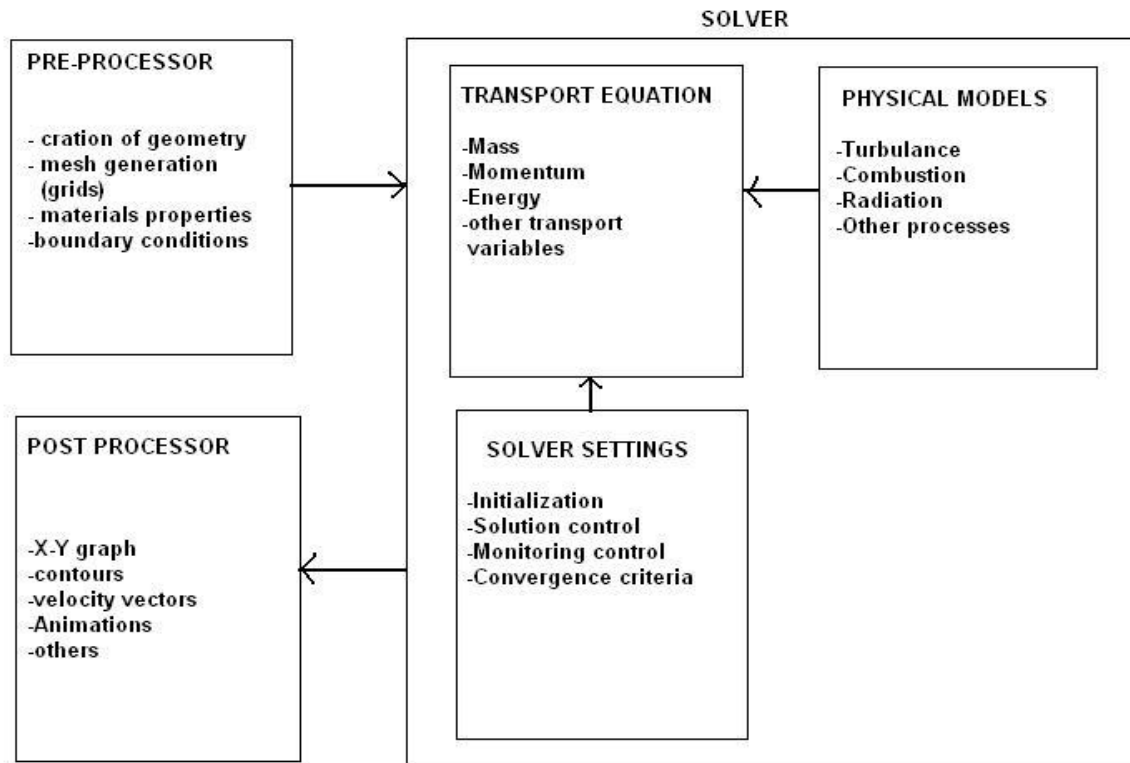


Fig.-2(The interconnectivity function of the three main elements of CFD analysis) [2]

Modelling in CFD: It basically consists 2 parts

- 1) Design in GAMBIT
- 2) FLUENT SOLVER

⇒ DESIGN IN GAMBIT- Geometry Selection
Meshing
Boundary conditions

⇒ FLUENT SOLVER- Apply properties of materials
Steady/Unsteady condition
Energy Equation
Initialization
Iteration and Display.

1.3 INTRODUCTION TO HARD TURNING:

Today the recent trends in manufacturing industries is to strive for lower cost solution techniques while maintaining the quality level within acceptable limits along with lowest setup and lead time due to the competitiveness in market. So attention is towards developing the technology to meet such requirements. The newer solution to this trend is a hard turning process, which is best operated with suitably configured lathe turning centres.

Hard turning is a metal machining process with the single point cutting tool (i.e turning carried out on lathe machine tool) carried out on "hard" materials. Here "hard" material is defined as the material having hardness of grade Rockwell'C' greater than 45 but more typically in range of 58-68 HRC [3]. Generally the parts are first undergone through the heat treatment process and then Hard Turning is performed. Hard Turning is almost similar and simpler as a simple turning process on a lathe but the main difference is the selection of special tools and cutting variables and the rigidity of machine tools.

Hard turning process is intended to skip or limit the conventional grinding operations that are not cost effective, environment friendly and flexible. Hard turning, when intended for purely rough turning purposes, competes favourably with rough grinding. However, grinding is better for finishing operation where form and dimensions are critical. A better dimensional accuracy of roundness and cylindricity is achieved in grinding process. A roundness accuracy of 0.5-12 microns, and/or surface roughness of Rz 0.8-Rz 7.0 microns can be best achieved by hard turning alone. [4]

The tooling in the hard turning process is key to achieve the desired objectives. The Ceramic tools, Cermets, and Cubic Boron Nitride (CBN) are the typical tools used in hard turning process. CBN is the predominant choice among hard turning tools. CBN sometimes enables

to skip the grinding process completely in particular cases. Facts showed that in year 2001 the CBN tools sales crossed \$250 million, which provides an idea about the broad and frequent use of this technology [4]. CBN tools offer a higher flexibility and allow dry machining eliminating the use of coolants. Manufacturing cost cut, decreased lead time and overall improved part/product quality can often be achieved by hard turning process with ceramic and CBN tools.

Hard turning is generally used for manufacturing of gears, roller bearings, automotive components and injection pump components, components of hydraulic machinery and among other applications.

Advantages of hard turning technologies:

- 4 to 6 times higher MRR (Metal removal rates) with hard turning process are achieved than equivalent grinding operations.
- Hard turning tooling inventory is quite low as compared to grinding wheels inventory. Moreover, the existing tool holders used for multitudes of operations also permit the use of CBN inserts with them.
- Hard turning technology is an environment friendly approach as the CBN and ceramic tools allow a dry cutting possibility, which also contributes the method to be more economical.
- Low micro-inch finishes is possible to be achieved in hard turning. Surface finishes within the range of .0001 mm to .0004 mm are very common.
- Hard turning technology does not require to meet the use of a different machine tool. Infact lathe offers versatility of hard turning operation along with soft turning operation on the same machine tool.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

This chapter enlightens some of the recent remarkable and important researches and report studies published in literature on Hot Machining and Hard Turning processes. This chapter includes the results and capabilities so far achieved by the Hot Machining and Hard Turning processes.

2.1 Literature survey on HOT MACHINING OPERATION:

So far the main aim of the studies conducted on Hot Machining operation is to investigate the effects of the various experimental and cutting variables on the product quality, process reliability and tool wear phenomenon. Studies have helped the engineers to optimize the process variables to achieve the best results. The following criteria is generally followed while Hot Machining Operation.

Variables to be altered:

- Rotational speed
- Cutting speed
- Depth of cut
- Feed
- Surface temperature

Effects to be analyzed:

- Cutting forces
- Tool wear
- Surface finish/roughness
- Chip thickness
- Temperature and stress distribution

Optimum parameters give:

- Minimum surface roughness.
- Minimum sub-surface defects.
- Minimum tool wear or minimum cost.
- Maximum metal removal rate (MRR).
- Maximum precision and accuracy.

Tigham known as the innovator of Hot Machining first conducted experiment on hot machining. In 1949-1951 various experimental works were done by Tour and Fletcher, Schmidt and Robik. They processed stainless steel, X-alloy, Inconel-X, Timken and Navy-V grade steel through hot machining operation. In 1951, Merchant, Krabacher and Shaw conducted experiments on hot machining. They obtained the results of tool life raising and reduced hardenability and flow stresses. In 1973, mukherjee and Basu conducted hot machining of Ni-Cr steel and concluded that cutting speed, feed, depth of cut and workpiece temperature influenced the tool life as well as surface finish. In 1988, plasma hot machining was first conducted by Meakawa and Kubo. Ozler used gas flame heating in 2000 during his experiment. Literature has shown that so far hot machining is limited only to turning and milling processes. [5-9]

Wang et al [10] reported the benefits of hybrid machining of Nickel base Inconel 718 alloys. N.Tosun and Ozler [11,12] used hot machining technique in turning operation. The optimization of the turning operation with multiple performance characteristics, tool life and workpiece surface roughness, was studied using weighted factor to improve the tool life and the workpiece surface roughness. The parameter design method proposed by Taguchi was adopted. Experimental results obtained, when cutting high manganese steel heated with the liquid petroleum gas (LPG) flame, were presented. They improved the approach proposed. K.P Maity and Swain [13] investigated hot-machining operation of high manganese steel using flame heating. A tool life equation has been developed from their statistical analysis. These were some of the remarkable work done in hot machining operation.

Generally the materials which are hot machined are classified into four categories as per their composition and hardness property. These classes are the following:

- Chilled cast iron,
- Steel with hardness over 50 HRC,
- Steels whose surface is hardened with cobalt, other and addition alloys,
- Steels hardened by cold working (e.g. high manganese steel).

The selection of an ideal method of preheating of metals for machining is very critical. An improper heating method is a strong reason to create unwanted structural changes in the workpiece and it may also be responsible to increase the overall cost of product. Researchers have opted for many heating methods, [9]. Electrical resistance and plasma arc heating are however most commonly utilized heating techniques. However, other methods are also used

[9,10]. (from high manganese). Gas flame heating is also an economical approach of preheating.

Detailed study from literatures:

The more and more attention is paid to achieve a much better tool life in hot machining operation. Researchers have developed a number of tool life equations which correlates the tool life with experimental and cutting variables.

Ozler and **Ozel**[5] conducted hot machining operation on austenitic manganese steel. They utilized liquefied petroleum gas and oxygen gas mixture to preheat the metal. Both theoretical and experimental determination of tool life was carried out. A number of feed rate, cutting speed and surface temperature were chosen for experiment conditions. Results from their experiments has enlightened the following facts.(from high manganese steel).

- While cutting at room temperature the tool life was found to decrease rapidly as the cutting speed was increased upto 46 m/min. At speeds higher than 46 m/min the decrement in tool life was slower.
- The longest tool lives were determined at a speed of 22 m/min for both conditions of cutting at room temperature and at elevated temperature. The reduction in resistance at chip-tool interface at smaller values of cutting speed was found the reason behind the longer tool lives.
- The results and data's have also indicated that as the temperature is increased, resistance to cutting is decreased, magnitudes of cutting force were less and lesser tool wear, hence longer tool life was observed.

In contrast of the hot machining in recent years a lot of experiments and researches have been carried out to determine the benefits and effects of **“LASER ASSISTED HOT MACHINING”**. More work associated with laser assisted machining has been found limited upto the machining of brittle ceramics only. In Laser assisted machining (LAM), the laser technology is combined with conventional turning and milling process. A small laser spot diameter and a power/heat density of up to 106W/cm^2 provides the high power, localised heat source required for laser assisted machining [14]. A high power density laser beam is directly focussed on the workpiece just in front of the cutting tool. The heat from laser beam softens the primary shear zone along which the chips start to shear.

Rozzi et al. [15] conducted laser assisted hot machining experiments on silicon nitride ceramic and investigated the reduction in magnitudes of cutting forces due to reduction in strength which permits viscous-elastic flow, due to which the friction between the tool face and the material gets reduced. Rozzi also determined that during laser assisted machining 93% of energy is added by laser beam and only 7% was contributed by cutting process. Rozzi also concluded that during laser assisted machining the specific cutting energy is significantly lower even than the grinding process which is the only route to finishing of ceramics. This study clarifies the logic that during laser assisted machining, the heat generated by the cutting tool will be reduced.

Various other heating methods are also employed in hot machining operation. But every method has some limitations, so their applications are few and particularly more specific. For example Laser Assisted Machining has very low efficiency and also the equipments for laser assisted machining are extremely expensive. Electron beam heating is also expensive due to the need of vacuum space while machining. So the break through has been achieved by

PLASMA ARC HOT MACHINING PROCESS, which not only discards various disadvantages like cost, metallurgical/structural damage to the workpiece, but also results better surface finish, higher productivity and longer tool life.

A plasma arc consists of a high velocity, high temperature stream of ionized gas capable of supporting a high-current, low-voltage electric arc. A plasma arc is created by the ionisation of gases in copper nozzle. The arc characteristics and reliability of arc striking are improved with the balanced geometry of the nozzle orifice. Temperature within the arc has been reported to be in the range of 16,000 °C to 30,000 °C. The plasma assisted hot machining process has proved itself as a tool for high production rates and machining of rough forgings. Plasma assisted hot machining is most suitable for interrupted cuts. This process is currently being in state of adoption at BHEL (Bharat Heavy Electronics Ltd., tech & development Lab, Hyderabad).[16]

The **ELECTRIC HOT MACHINING** is a technique of hot machining in which the workpiece is heated by electric current which flows through the cutting point. Electric resistance hot machining has a substantial advantage, that is, the electrically heated zone coincides with the deforming zone of the cutting. Electric hot machining could be applied to various machining such as turning, drilling etc. without remarkable temperature rise of machined surfaces. By means of this heating method, stainless steel, chilled cast iron and Hadfield steel were turned with various tool materials, and cutting characteristics including tool wear, surface roughness and machine vibrations were measured. Kunio, Misturu found that the coated carbide tools exhibits a good cutting performance especially on the tool wear, and it is verified that the cause of this phenomenon is due to low electric resistance of base metal of the coated tools and high wear resistance of the coated layers. [17]

2.2 Literature survey on HARD TURNING:

The high hardness of high chromium white cast irons makes them highly abrasive wear resistant materials. This makes them difficult and expensive to machine. The abrasive wear resistant material drastically reduces the life of ceramic and tungsten carbide tools making them ineffective in cutting it. They are currently machined by a method known as hard turning. Hard turning incorporates high cutting speeds and cubic boron nitride (CBN) tools and is used in situations where the more common ceramic coated and tungsten carbide tools are not effective. CBN tools have been commercially available now since the 1970's and they have brought a great change in hard machining technology because of their many favourable properties [18]. CBN has hardness and wear durability second only to diamond and it has good thermal resistance, a high coefficient of thermal conductivity and high hot hardness [19]. A negative rake angle, high speeds and no coolant cause the temperature in the small cutting zone to rise to temperatures above 900°C [18-22]. Ng et al. [23] has stated that "During metal cutting heat is generated in the primary shear zone and the secondary deformation zone" of the materials being cut. The high temperatures reduce the shear stress in the primary shear zone reducing cutting forces. The majority of heat generated is removed in the chip. However, this is to the detriment of the tool wear [18]. During hard turning a negative rake angle is used as the chamfered edge gives greater strength to brittle CBN tools [18].

Ng and Aspinwall [25] measured the cutting forces generated by CBN tools on bars of AISI H13 hot work die steel heat treated to various hardness values (28, 35, 42 and 49 HRC) and cut at various speeds. A general perception among various researchers is that the surface roughness produced during hard turning by CBN tools is generally acceptable. During hard turning feed rate has the greatest effect on tool wear and surface roughness. The negative rake

angle CBN tools generate lesser magnitude of cutting forces during hard turning than the forces generated by positive rake angle tools because of small chip tool contact length and the small plastic deformation of the tool.

The rigidity of the machine tool is definitely main issue while hard turning process. Hard turning with CBN tools demands of a very rigid, high precision and high horse power machine tool. Lack of rigidity of machine tool leads to increased tool wear due to chipping because of brittle nature of tool. Like the carbides, the CBN cutting tools are also available in several grades and they must be chosen properly as per the requirements. For example: A low content CBN insert will not perform well in an interrupted cutting application because it lacks the necessary toughness. Generally, high content CBN inserts have higher toughness whereas low content inserts provide longer tool life in straight turning applications.

Material types for hard turning applications make a long list. Commonly processed materials by hard turning would include all grades of hardened steel alloys such as bearing steels, hot and cold-work tool steels, high-speed steels, die steels and case hardened steels. Inconel, Hastelloy, Stellite and carburized and nitrided irons along with some coatings like high chrome can also be serious materials for this process. Successful hard turning depends upon the entire machining system and not just certain discrete elements. As a way of summary, the following items all relate to successful hard turning applications.

- A machine with a high dynamic stiffness and rigidity.
- Efficient workholding devices.
- A correctly chosen CBN grade or other tooling material type.
- High quality cutting edges.
- Rigid tool mounts.
- Appropriate machining parameters.
- Part piece rigidity.

CHAPTER 3

CFD MODELLING OF HOT MACHINING OPERATION

This chapter describes the methodology and modelling procedure in CFD of Hot Machining Operation.

3.1 PROBLEM STATEMENT:

A cylindrical workpiece of 50mm diameter and 500mm length is rotated in a turning centre at 400 rpm. The workpiece is heated constantly with a moving heat source which is a flame (LPG+ O₂). We have to design a model in CFD and to do analysis to find out temperature distribution of the tool, chip and work piece. The surface temperature of workpiece at contact of flame is 500⁰C.

Workpiece material= High manganese steel,

Rotational speed N= 400 rpm,

Workpiece length= 500 mm,

Workpiece diameter= 50mm,

Feed = 0.1 mm/rev,

Flame travel= 0.1 mm/rev.

Flame temperature= 500⁰C.

Composition of High Manganese steel:

Metal	Mn	C	Si	Cr	P	S	Fe
%	12.5	1.2	4	1.6	0.058	0.01	84.23

Work material properties:

Work material	Density (Kg/mm ³)	Specific heat (J/Kg-K)	Thermal conductivity(W/mm-k)
High Manganese Steel	7.8×10^{-6}	$C_p = 420 + 0.67T$	0.05

Tool Insert properties:

A **carbide tool** with specification ATP ISO (M10) was used. The tool had the following geometrical and physical characteristics:

- Side rake angle = 4.6250° .
- Back rake angle = 0.925° .
- Orthogonal clearance angle = 9.7° .
- Orthogonal rake angle = 5.2° .
- Density = 12×10^{-6} Kg/mm³.
- Thermal conductivity = 0.045 W/mm-K
- Specific Heat = 250 J/Kg-K

Convective heat transfer coefficient of LPG+O₂ gas with air depends upon moisture content of air. A variation of heat transfer coefficient of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) with air [28] is shown in following plot.

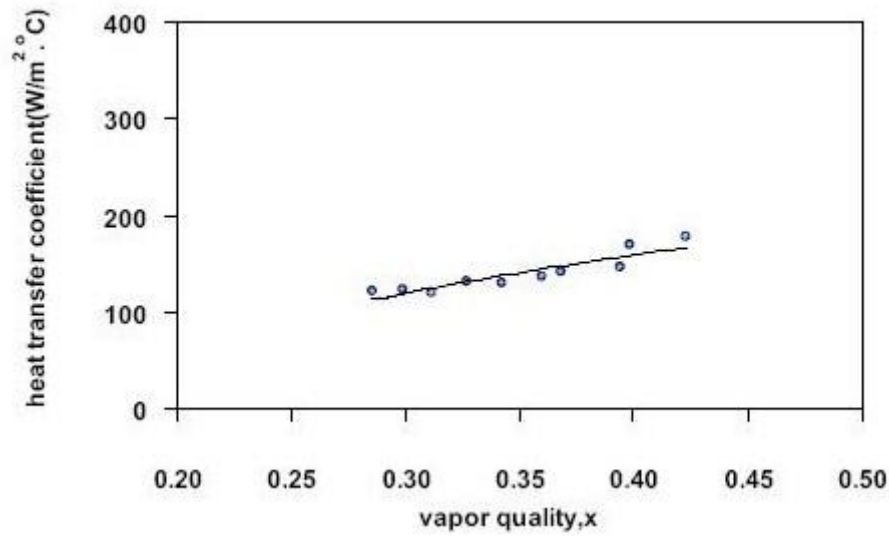


Figure 3- (heat transfer coefficient of LPG) [28]

Following the observations of above plot we can assume the heat transfer coefficient of PLG to be near about $180 \text{ W/m}^2\text{-}^\circ\text{C}$.

The first law of thermodynamics states, “when work is transformed into heat, the quantity of work is equivalent to the heat produced.” This heat will be generated when conversion of mechanical energy takes place. The main sources of heat in metal cutting mechanism are basically three distinct heat sources.

1. The shear zone, Q_1 , where the main plastic deformation takes place.
2. The chip-tool interface zone (or say the rake face of cutting tool insert), Q_2 , where secondary plastic deformation due to friction between the heated chip and the tool takes place.
3. The work tool interface, Q_3 , the flank face zone, where the frictional rubbing takes place.

INTRODUCTION OF MOVING MEHH CONCEPT:

As our experiment involves the moving heat source, so it will be a case of unsteady condition. The mesh which was given an initial condition was also moving from one end to other end of workpiece. So at every instant the surface temperature will change with time and position of moving mesh or say moving flame.

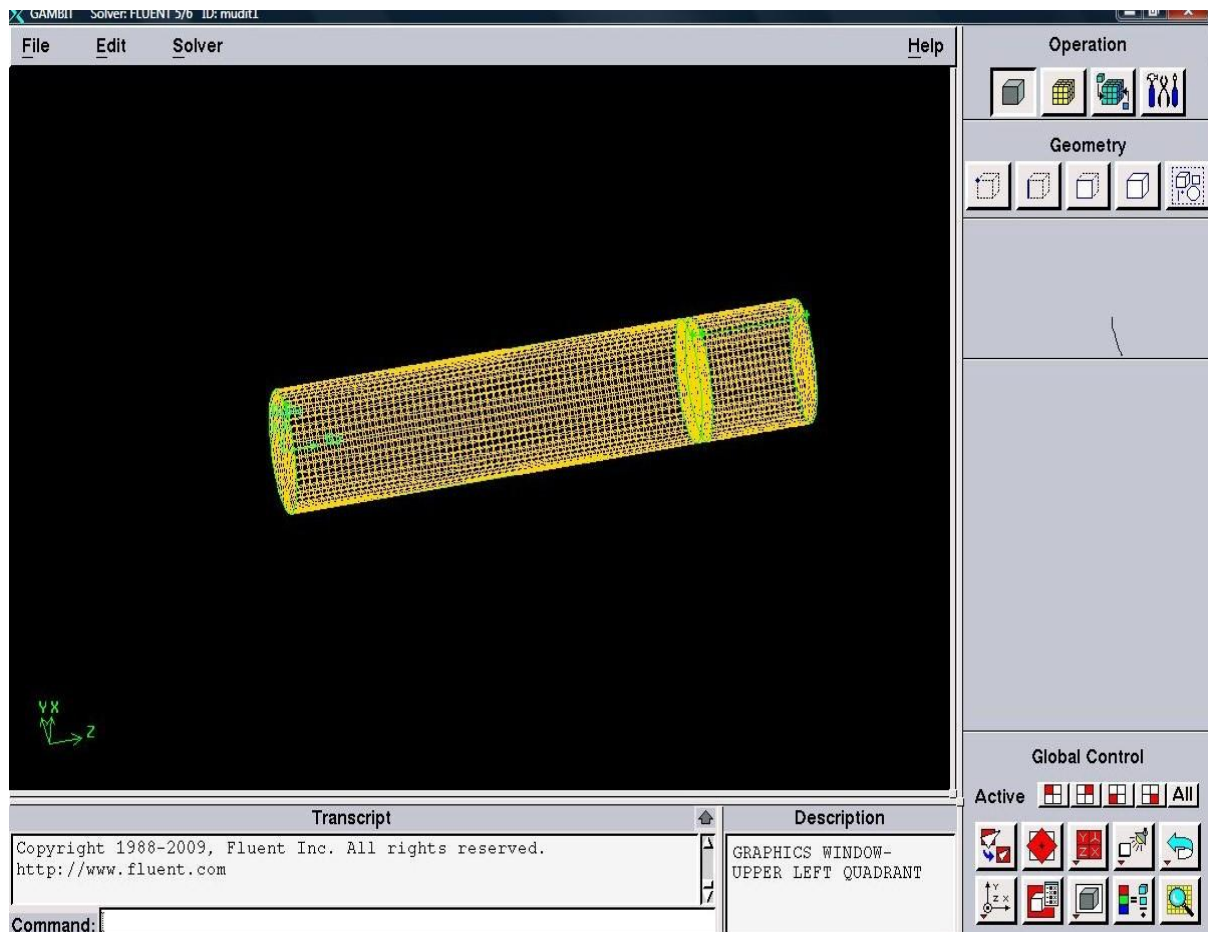


Figure-4 (Modelling with moving mesh concept)



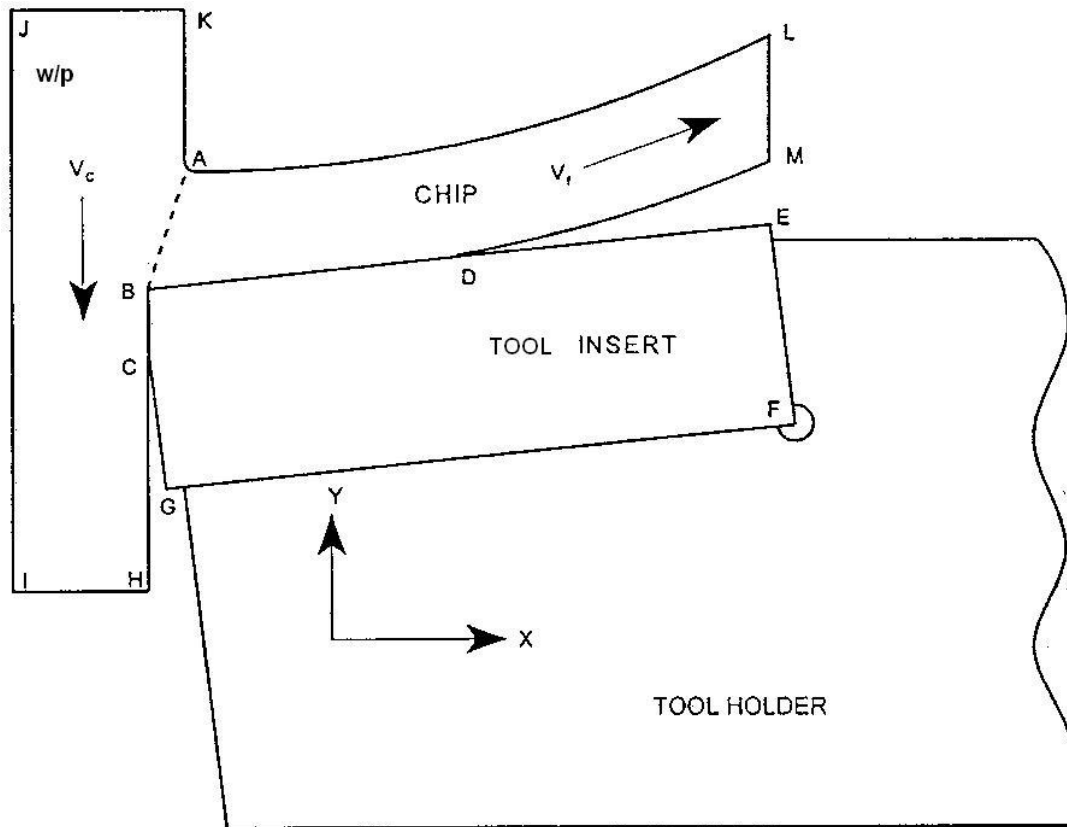


Figure-6 (problem domain for finite element simulation).

During the metal machining process where the width of chip (cutting depth) is much larger than the unreformed chip thickness, the heat transfer problem can be considered as a steady state two dimensional (2-D) heat transfer analysis. The study involves a two dimensional model has been developed for computational evaluation of temperature distribution in turning tool insert. In machining, as stated earlier, heat is generated primarily in three different zones, namely primary shear plane, chip-tool interface and wears land of the principal flank. The heat transfer and mass transfer are governed by formation and separation of the chip, speed of the work piece and heat conduction and convection phenomenon.

The basic governing equations to be solved for this heat transfer problem are discussed earlier.

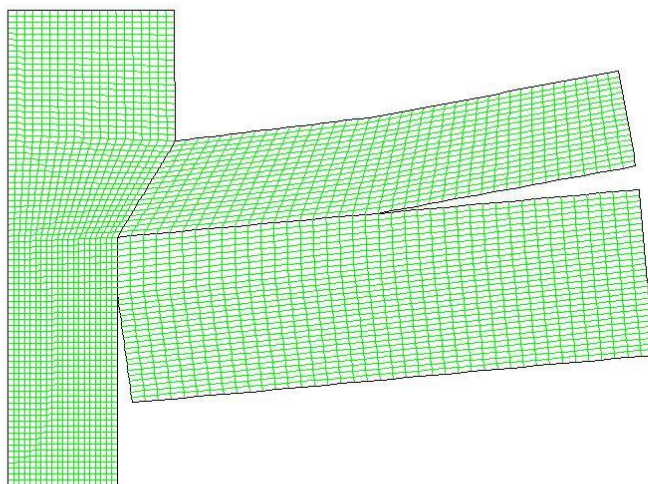
The insert is considered as a whole one type of material and so the chip and workpiece.

Referred to figure-5, the three heat generation zones are:

- **AB:** The shear zone
- **BD:** The chip-tool interface.
- **BC:** The work-tool interface

Length of the chip is taken equal to the square insert dimension for convenience sake equal to 12 mm. The far boundaries of the workpiece are assumed to be unaffected by the internal heat generation sources.

A default meshing has been applied to whole domain.



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Figure 7: (mesh generation default)

Evolution of Boundary Conditions: (according to fig-6)

At the outlet boundary of chip a zero temperature gradient condition was employed.

The two sides of the tool insert which are in contact with tool holder, a constant temperature 250°C value was assumed.

So EF and FG are at 250°C .

JK and IH are the far dimensions of workpiece, which are assumed to unaffected by heat generation sources. So,

JK is assumed to be at **ambient condition** say 40°C .

IH is assumed to be thermally insulated.

The other two dimensions of workpiece IJ and CH are assumed to be at 500°C , which is the flame temperature. The flame is in direct surface contact with the workpiece.

KA, AL, LM, MD, DE and GC are assumed to be thermally insulated boundaries i.e adiabatic wall condition.

The Internal Heat Generation Rates:

Theoretically the heat generation rates along the three zones are given as the following with an assumption that entire work done is getting converted to heat.

Let

- Q: total heat generated
- Q_1 : heat generated in shear zone
- Q_2 : heat generated at rake face (chip-tool interface)
- Q_3 : heat generated at flank wear land (work-tool interface).

Heat flux are calculated as:

- $Q = P_z V_c$.
- $Q_1 = Q - Q_2$.
- $Q_2 = F_1 V_f$.
- $Q_3 = F_2 V_c$.

Where,

P_z = tangential cutting force

F_1 = frictional force on rake face

F_2 = frictional force at wear land.

V_c = cutting velocity

V_f = bulk chip flow velocity.

Assuming the convective heat transfer coefficient value and applying boundary condition along with assumptions of heat generation rates, iteration were carried out. A total no. of 1000 iterations were designed in fluent solver.

The physical properties of both the workpiece and tool material were added to database in fluent to get appropriate results.

The chip-tool contact length was assumed to be a constant multiple of chip thickness for easy approximations. It is generally taken as 4-5 times of chip thickness.

Length of the chip is taken equal to 12mm.

Frictional force on wear land was assumed to be equal to 30N.

Temperature distribution in tool insert, chip and workpiece:

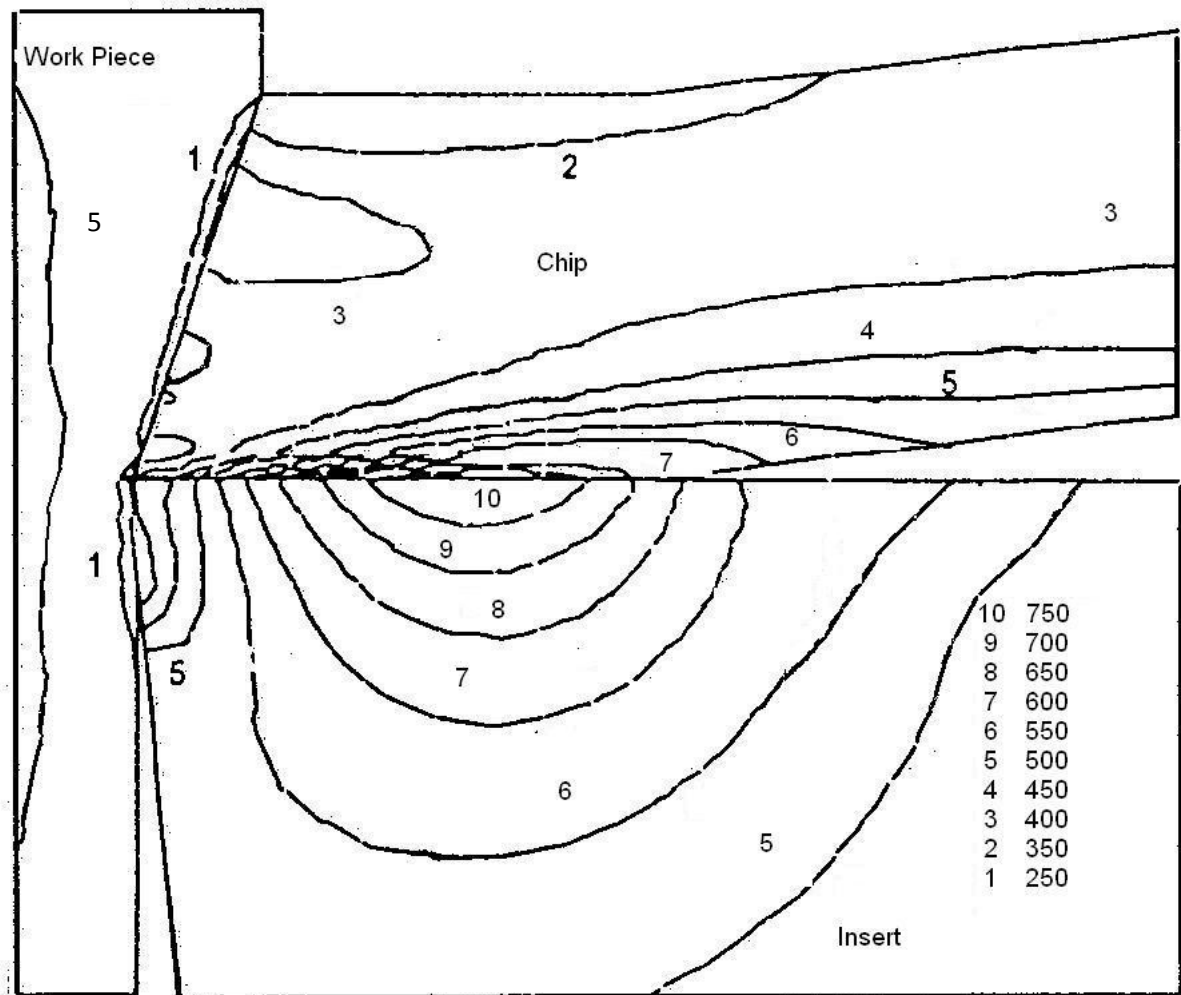
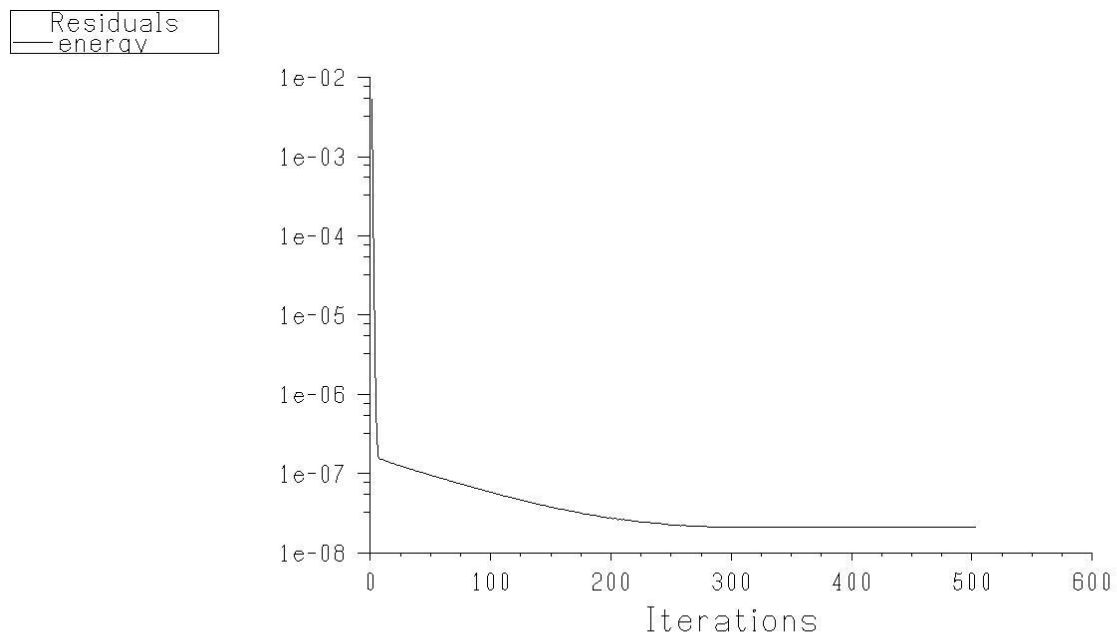


Figure 8- (Temperature distribution).



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Figure 9: (Residual of iterations and convergence criteria).

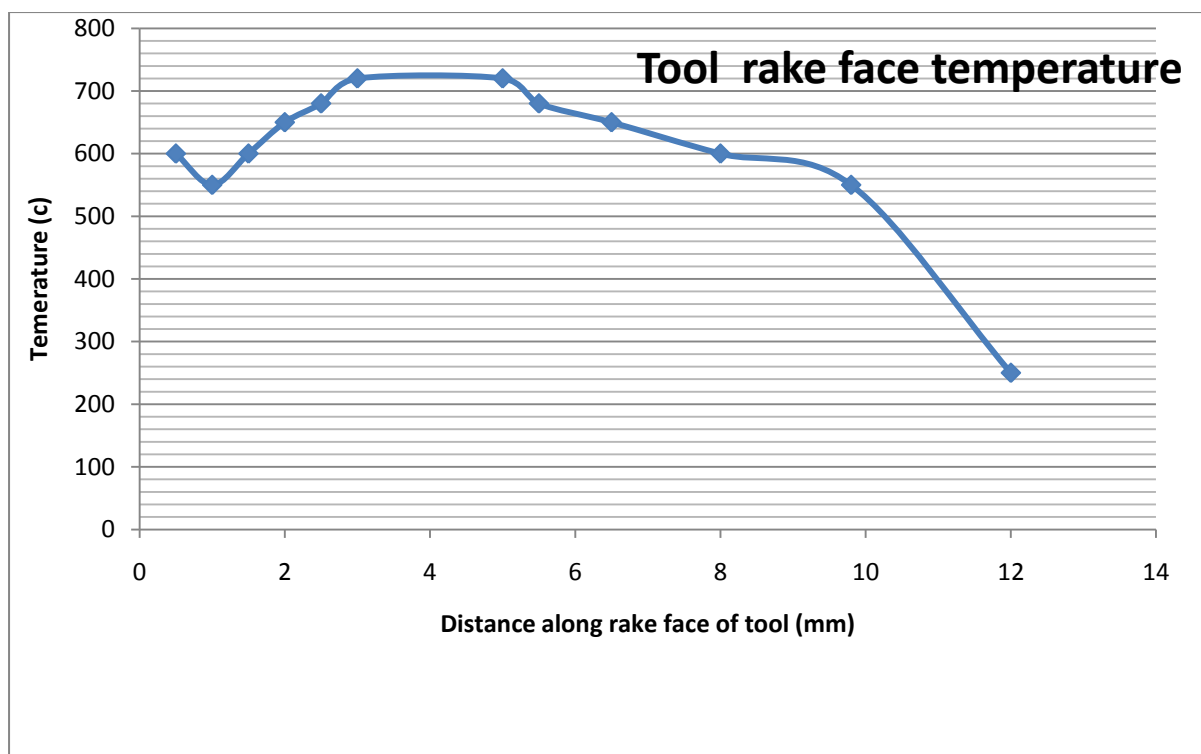


Figure 10: Insert rake face temperature.

Hard turning:

For some materials the machining methods may not be very cost efficient or effective. One such material is high chromium white cast iron, which is used in the manufacture of mining pumps and components.

A workpiece of high chromium white cast iron is to be hard turned by a coated carbide tool insert.

Composition of workpiece (%):

C	Si	Mn	S	P	Cr	Ni	Mo
2.7-2.9	0.4-0.8	0.5	0.1	0.1	15-20	0.6-0.8	1.2-2

Design of experiment:

No. of control factor-3

A-Depth of cut.

B- Feed.

C- Cutting velocity.

We assumed each factor to be set at 2 levels. High (1) and Low (0).

L4: Orthogonal array table:

Run	A	B	C
1	1	1	2
2	1	2	1
3	2	1	1
4	2	2	2

Cutting Tool Insert:

A square cutting tool insert with ISO nomenclature “**SNMG 120408 RP KCP10**” was used in hard turning process. The insert is of coated type insert. The geometry and dimensions are mentioned below.

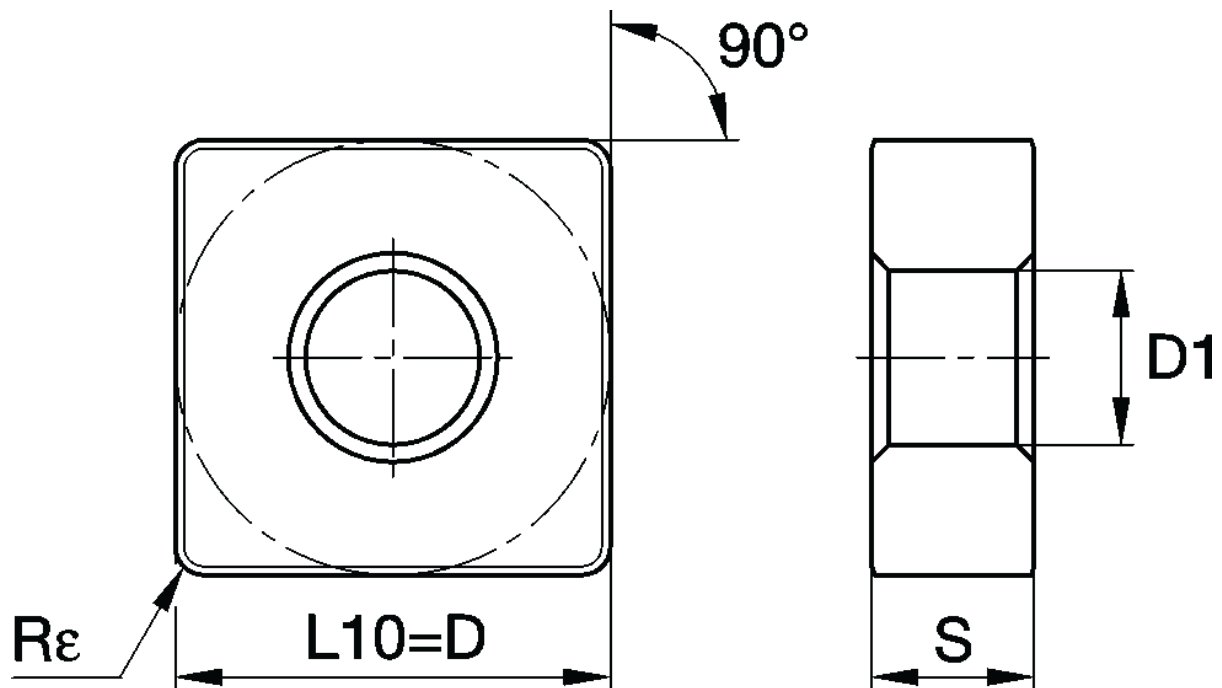


Figure-11 Cutting tool insert geometry (SNMG120408 RP KCP10)

Cuttings insert specification:

ISO catalog number	ANSI catalog number	D		L10		S		$R\epsilon$		D1	
		mm	in	mm	in	mm	in	mm	in	mm	in
SNMG120408RP	SNMG432RP	12,70	1/2	12,70	.500	4,76	3/16	0,8	1/32	5,16	.203

INSERT COATING: The cutting tool insert is a coated type insert with standard nomenclature of grade “KCP10”.

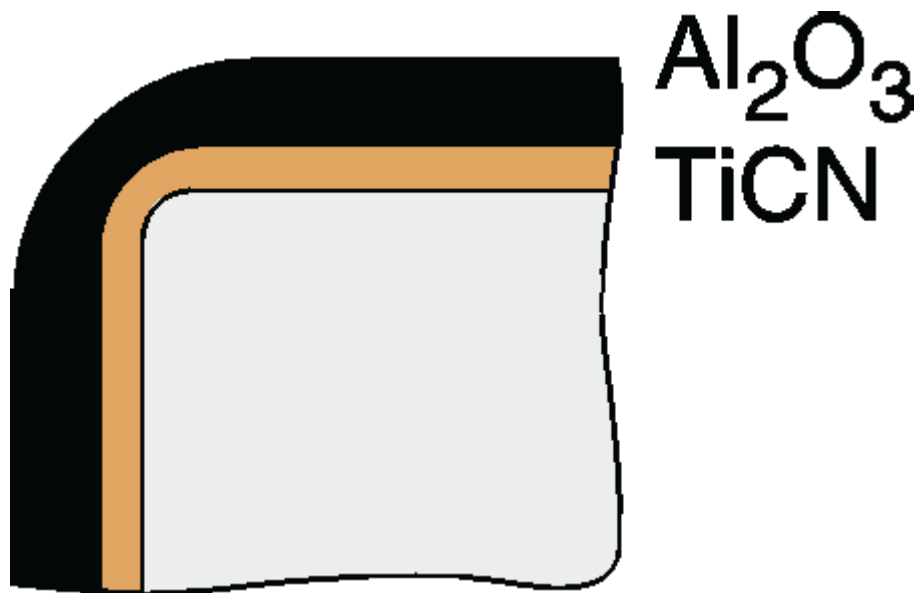


Figure-12 (coating on insert)

Composition: A specially engineered cobalt-enriched carbide grade with thick MTCVD-TiCN-Al₂O₃ coating for maximum wear resistance.

Application: An excellent finishing to medium machining grade for a variety of workpiece materials including most steels, ferritic and martensitic stainless steels, and cast irons. The cobalt-enriched substrate offers a balanced combination of deformation resistance and edge toughness, while the thick coating layers offer outstanding abrasion resistance and crater wear resistance for high-speed machining. The smooth coating provides good resistance to edge build-up and microchipping and produces excellent surface finishes.

Tool Holder:

A tool holder with standard nomenclature PSBNR 2525 M12 is used in hard turning process.

The geometry and specification of tool holder is shown below.

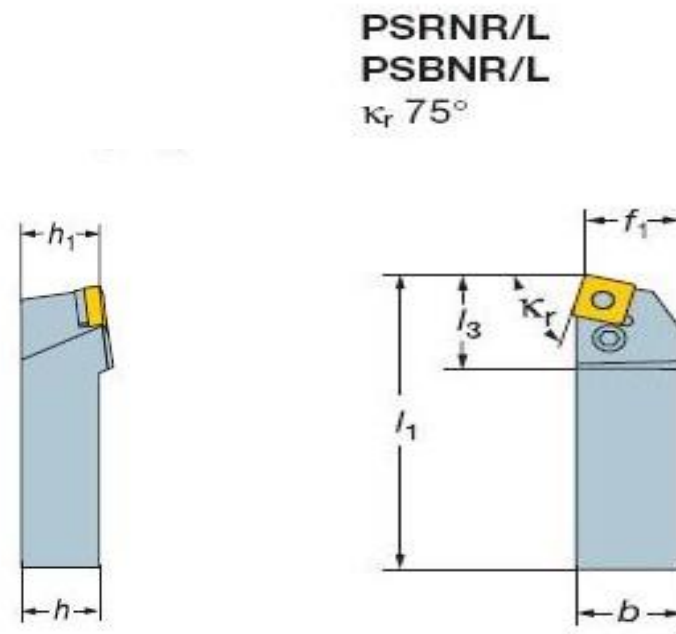


Figure-13 (tool holder geometry)

Code	b	f1	h	h1	l_1	l_3	γ_0	λ_0
PSBNR 2525M12	25	22	25	25	150	27.5	-6°	-6°

All dimensions are expressed in mm.

γ_0 : Orthogonal rake angle.

λ_0 : Angle of inclination.

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The CFD modelling of hot machining operation was carried out. The predicted results achieved from CFD simulation were found to be deviated from measured ones. Some of the assumptions might have led the model results to deviate from real values.

A graph has been plotted showing the temperature distribution over the rake face of tool insert. The standard chip-tool interface temperature distribution has a bit higher value than the predicted value. The reasons behind this deviation may be assumption of uniform and equal heat flux value along all the three heat generation zone. As the new chip is just generated and flows over the rake surface of the tool, so its temperature was found to be lower. Again gradually the temperature at the interface rises due to the heat generated by friction. After the mid of chip tool interface there is a gradual reduction in temperature because the amount heat flux reduces. Thus the chip-tool interface temperature was recorded maximum at the mid point of the insert.

The increase in temperature along the wear land of flank face of insert was not found much appreciable during the modelling. This may be explained by the fact that the large dimension work piece might have taken away the heat generated along the wear land.

The average temperature along the shear plane was recorded to be around 350⁰ C.

Future Work:

Improved set of boundary conditions:

The boundary conditions adopted for the model must be converted to more practical rather assuming the adiabatic conditions in contact of atmosphere.

To carry out the experiment:

The experiment was not conducted during the course of project work due to unavailability of sources. For having a complete idea for simulation modelling, the experiment must be conducted in future.

Comparison of experimental and simulated results:

There must be held a comparison between experimental and simulated results to validate the Modelling.

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